IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.SIRI JAGAN

TUESDAY, THE 18TH DECEMBER 2007 / 27TH AGRAHAYANA 1929

WP(C).No. 34322 of 2007(J)

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PETITIONERS:

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1. LAKSHMI PRIYA.N., LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, N.S.S.COLLEGE, PANDALAM.

2. ASHA KRISHNAN, LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, N.S.S.COLLEGE, PANDALAM.

3. ANJANA, LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, N.S.S.COLLEGE, PANDALAM.

4. CHITRA V.S., LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, N.S.S.COLLEGE, PANDALAM.

5. SURESHKUMAR.S., LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, NSS COLLEGE, PANDALAM.

BY ADV. SRI.S.MUHAMMED HANEEFF

RESPONDENTS:

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1. UNIVERSITY OF KERALA, REP. BY ITS REGISTRAR UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE PRINCIPAL, N.S.S.COLLEGE, PANDALAM.

3. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COLLEGIATE EDUCATION, KOTTAYAM.

4. THE DIRECTOR OF COLLEGIATE EDUCATION, VIKAS BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

5. STATE OF KERALA,
REP. BY ITS SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION,
SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

R1 BY ADV. SRI.M.RAJAGOPALAN NAIR, SC, KERALA UTY.
GOVERNMENT PLEADER, SRI.A.J.VARGHESE

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 18/12/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

**S.SIRI JAGAN, J.**

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Dated this the 18th day of December, 2007

JUDGMENT

The petitioners are lecturers appointed by the Management of NSS College. Their appointment has been duly approved by the University as per Ext.P1 order. Their grievance in this writ petition is that in spite of their appointments having been approved by the University, Deputy Director of Collegiate Education has orally instructed the Principal of the petitioner's College not to forward the approval orders and the bills claiming salary unless specifically instructed by the Government. Subsequent to the filing of the writ petition the the Principal has forwarded the bills also. However, the bills are not counter signed for payment. According to the learned Government Pleader, the bills were received only on 21.11.07. Whatever that be, in view of the decision of this court in **Cherian Mathew Vs. Principal S.B. Colleges** (1998(3) ILR 1) and **Shalini Rachel Vs. Manager, Christian College** (2007 (3) KLT 355), once the

University approves the appointment of lecturers, the department is bound to honour the salary bills of such approved teachers. The learned Government Pleader could not satisfy me that there is any valid reason for not paying the salary of the petitioners. In the above circumstances, following the above Division Bench decisions, I direct the 3rd respondent to see that the salary bills in respect of petitioners are duly honoured and amounts covered by the same are paid within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

The writ petition is disposed of as above.

Sd/-
**S.SIRI JAGAN,**
**JUDGE**

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